

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q93468

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Appln. No.: 10/595,123

Group Art Unit: 4111

Confirmation No.: 3039

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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A COMPOSITE TRIM PART FOR THE
INTERIOR OF AN AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirements set forth in the Office Action dated June 10, 2008. A Preliminary Amendment is also being submitted concurrently herewith.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group 1, claims 1-13, 16-17, 23-24 and 26-32, drawn to a method characterized by the formation of a second substrate layer. Also, Applicant notes that in the Preliminary Amendment, claims 33 and 34 have been added depending on elected claim 30, and thus claims 33 and 34 should be considered as within elected Group 1. This election is made without traverse.

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement in paragraph 3 on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicant elects Species a - spraying a reactive liquid into the mold half, and in response to the Election of Species Requirement in paragraph 9 on page 5 of the Office Action, Applicant elects Species f - spraying a reactive liquid into the mold half. Applicant submits that claims 1, 3-5, 8-13, 16, 17, 23, 24, 26-30, 32 and 33 are readable on the elected species.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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